

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1-67 under 35 USC 112, ¶ 2, as being indefinite.

Further, the Examiner stated that claims 1-67 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, ¶ 2.

Claim 1 - 35 USC 112, ¶ 2

The rejection of claims 1-67 under 35 USC 112, ¶ 2, is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have amended the description of Z recited in claim 1 of the present application to include the language "having hydroxyl or amino functionality."

As a result, Applicants submit that claims 1-67 are in a condition for allowance.

Reasons for Allowance

The Examiner has provided a statement related to the reasons for allowance of claims 1-67 if claim 1 were rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, ¶2. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), reasons for allowance are intended only as a supplement to the "record as a whole" when that record is not clear and shall not be treated as a substitute for the record or in a manner inconsistent with the record. Therefore Applicants accept the Examiner's reasons only to the extent that they are consistent with the record as a whole and does not accept any claim interpretation that is broader or narrower than that afforded by the record as a whole prior to the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. As to all claims for which the basis for allowance is otherwise clear from the record, no further limitation can be inferred from the Examiner's statement under rule 104(e).

Conclusion

In conclusion, Applicants request entry of the Amendments, consideration of the Remarks, and passage of the application to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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